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File No. S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D.
S. C. Special Branch. <i>South</i>
Date. <i>April 21, 1939</i>

REPORT

Subject (in full) Application for registration of "Flash News".....

Made by and Forwarded by D. S. McKeown.....

With reference to the attached application, Mr. M. D. Chikis has been informed that no certificate will be granted to him and the reasons for refusal contained in the attached report were explained to him.

J. M. McKeown
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D. C. (Special Branch).

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No. S. E. D. 10000
Date: April 14, 1939

REPORT

Subject: Application for registration of "Flash News"

Made by: and Forwarded by: D. S. McKeown.

Attached is an application for the registration of "Flash News" submitted by one M.D. Shikes, Greek. "Flash News" is a scheme to show slides, giving the latest news, telegrams, concurrently with advertisements in local cinemas. It appears that this scheme would be a breach of condition No. 8 of the Licence Conditions which reads:-

"No film, slide, or matter in any other form which has not been certified within the preceding six months by the Board of Film Censors for public exhibition shall be shown without the written permission of the Council."

Mr. Butler, General Manager of the Asia Theatres Company, was asked his views on this project and stated that all slide space in the larger theatres was already allocated to the China Commercial Agency and that as slides containing news items would necessarily be submitted to censorship, the scheme did not appear to be a practical one.

D. S. McKeown
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Registration Form for Newspaper, Magazine or News Agency.

Municipal Notification No. 4878 of October 21, 1937.

Name of Publication "FLASH NEWS" (In Chinese and English)
Nationality Greek
Address: Editorial Office 160 Av. Edward VII, Room 401. Tel. 19175
Printing Office ditto. Tel. do.
Name and address of proprietor M. D. Shikis, 305 Av. Petain, Apt. 22
Name and address of publisher ditto.
Name and address of Chief Editor ditto.
Character and language of publication Cinema Screen Service, thrice daily,
(State whether daily weekly, monthly, etc.) in English and Chinese.
Object of publication News service for theatre patrons.
Date of first issue Not yet determined definitely.
Circulation -
Capital and source of income Independent.
(State whether paper has independent source of income or receives regular subsidies and from whom)

Where registered

(Give date and place of registration and certificate number)

Date 6th April, 1939.

(Signature)



Chief Editor.

Recommendation of Special Branch.

Report attached.

~~No Objection~~
Refusal recommended.

Endorsed


P.A. to D.C.
Officer i/c S. 5.

Approved

Passed to Commissioner of Police for refusal
(Reasons attached).

D.C. (Special Branch).

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S.I. Special Branch *Shanghai*

REPORT

Date April 23, 1939.

Subject Room 127, 233 Nanking Road (Haroon Building) occupied by
 F.R. MURER & Co. (Pao Wei Yang Hong (寶威洋行)) - Part of
 Chinese name similar to Burroughs Welcome & Co. (Pao Wei Dah
 Yah Hong (寶威大藥行)).

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With reference to D.C. (Special Branch's) memo. dated April 20, 1939 referring to the above, Room 127 of 233 Nanking Road (Haroon Building) was visited on the afternoon of April 20, 1939, when it was observed that the following two name plates were hanging on the door, i.e. (1) F.R. MURER & CO. and (2) 寶威洋行 (Pao Wei Yang Hong). Some five male persons occupied the room, all dressed in Chinese clothing, one of whom, a Cantonese, gave his name as Ling In-sing (林一新) and stated that he was in charge. This person claimed that a Norwegian, namely, Mr. F.R. Murer, is the occupant and that the office is being used as a sales office for a brand of Danish tinned milk for which Mr. Murer holds the China agency and that no other commodity is being sold from the office. According to Mr. Ling, Mr. Murer is at present in Swatow and is not expected to return to Shanghai for an indefinite period.

Enquiries at the rent office of the Haroon Building ascertained that Room 127 was rented three months previously by one Yu Dah Tung (俞大同) who has occupied Room 542 during the last two years. Room 542 has the following two signboards nailed to the door :-

- (1) Tien Yuen Matrimonial Bureau (天嫁婚姻社)
- (2) Dah Doong Trading Company (大同貿易公司)

Enquiries revealed that Yu Dah Tung has

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close connections with the various Japanese who occupy offices in the Haroon Building and that he claims to be a partner in the business concern which occupies Room 127. As far as could be observed by the detectives who visited Room 127 there was no evidence of any medicines or goods other than a few samples of tinned milk on view in the room. It was noticed that one of the occupants though dressed in Chinese clothing appeared to be a Japanese.

The foregoing information was communicated to Mr. Ford, H.B.M. Vice-Consul, at 4 p.m. April 20, 1939.

Mr. Ford stated that he had no objection to enquiries being made at the Norwegian Consulate regarding Mr. Murer. The Norwegian Consulate was therefore visited and the information obtained that Mr. Murer is considered a highly respectable member of the Norwegian community. At present he is honorary Norwegian Consul at Swatow where he carries on the business of agent representing various Scandinavian exporting concerns. During his last visit to Shanghai, some three months ago, Mr. Murer informed the Norwegian Vice-Consul that he proposed to open a branch office for the sale of Danish tinned milk in Shanghai but up to date has not registered same with the Norwegian Consulate. As there is a possibility that the name Pao Wei Yang Hong (寶威洋行) is

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being used without Mr. Murer's knowledge, the Norwegian Vice-Consul has declared his intention to write to him unofficially and acquaint him with the foregoing information.

Further enquiries revealed that one Zung Dao Sung (陳道生) acts as assistant to Ling Ih-sing but details concerning the antecedents of these two persons are lacking. The suspicion is held by certain persons connected with the Harpoon Building that the real business which Ling and Zung are engaged in is traffic in narcotics and that the tinned milk business is merely a cloak to hide their real activities but no evidence has been obtained to substantiate this information. Enquiries are however being continued in this connection.

It has been learned that the man Yu Dah Tung, referred to above, is employed as a school teacher in the S.M.C. Primary School, 199 Cunningham Road, where he works under the name Yu Wei Zung (俞偉臣). Yu Wei Zung, age 35, native of Zaoshing, is stated to be a relative of Mr. H.C. Chen, Education Officer, S.M.C. He was formerly employed in the Sinza Road Primary School but was transferred to the Northern District School due to some dispute he became concerned in at the former school. The Norwegian Vice-Consul has promised to acquaint the S.M.P. with the explanation, if any, which Mr. Murer may give him in reply to his letter.

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The foregoing information has been passed to
officer-in-charge of C.7 (Narcotic Section).

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There is a
chamart shop
in Harden Bldy
by name of
Pao Wei Yang Hong
which is none of
Barroughs Wilcome Co.
The name of Muner &
Co is also given to
this shop & it is said
that proprietor is
Norwegian.

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